WILL MEET TO-DAY.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE MAGNATES GATHERING IN ST. LOUIS.

MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

ROWDY BASEBALL AND RULE CHANGES THE MOST IMPORTANT.

Two Reports to Be Sumbitted on the Question of Changes in Scoring-President Robinson, of Cleveland, Talks of Blacklisting Rule.

St. Louis, Feb. 27.-Most of the magnates who are expected to attend the annual meeting of the National League, which convenes to-morrow at the Southern hotel, are here, and the rest will arrive on to-morrow's early trains. President N. E. Young, of the National League, and his son, Robert H. Young, clerk of the national board, came in to-night. The following league cities are represented by their presidents; Boston, A. H. Soden; Brooklyn, C. H. Ebbetts; Washington, George W. Wagner: Philadelphia, A. J. Roach; Chicago, James A. Hart; Cincinnati, John T. Brush; St. Louis, B. S. Muckenfuss; President Hanlon, of Baltimore; President F. DeHass Robison, of Cleveland; President H. C. Pulliam, of Louisville, and President W. H. Watkins, of Pittsburg, will be here tomorrow. New York will not be represented by President Andrew Freedman, who has given his proxy to A. H. Soden, of Bos-

It is the opinion of several of the as sembled magnates that the business coming before the meeting will keep it in session until Thursday at least and possibly

The adoption of the schedule, the drafting of new rules, senecially one abolishing rowdy ball, the appointment of a new chief of umpires and the naming of a new staff of umpires are a few of the important matters that will come up and be disposed of during the present session. It is expect-ed that the rules abolishing rowdy ball will ause a long and heated debate and may lengthen the session.

The principal opponent of the proposed rule blacklisting players for rowdy ball playing is President Robinson, of Cleveland. He has been quoted as saying that the magnates and not the players were respon-sible for rowdyism on the ball field. In a recent interview he is reported to have said:

recent interview he is reported to have said:

"For years we have encouraged players to adopt rough tactics in our eagerness to with games. One club began it and others were forced to follow. The tining by umpires was but a sham, as the club owners paid the fines. Now, after we have raised these players in this way, some of the late magnates propose that, in order to wean them of their bad habits, we give umpires the power to have them blacklisted for a violation of the new regulations. This is entirely unjust. The club owner should share the punishment, because he is more guilty than the player.

"I shall take the stand at St. Louis that for the first offense a player be suspended thirty days without pay. That is a very severe punishment for him, and he would rot care to take a chance on losing another thirty days' pay. At the same time it is a punishment for the owner, who loses the fervices of a valuable player for thirty days.

"I believe that the rule placing so much

services of a valuable player for thirty days.

"I believe that the rule placing so much power in umpires hands is extremely dangerous. They are just as apt to go off the handle as a player, and vent their spite on the players they do not like."

It is also said to be President Robison's intentions to present a resolution requiring each club president to sign a bond agreeing to forfeit \$5,000 if one of his players is suitly of using foul language on the ball field.

Ned Hanlon, of Baltimore, will be as ardent a champion for the blacklist rule as Robison is an opponent.

President Nick Young, who is committed.

Robison is an opponent.

President Nick Young, who is occupying he room at the Southern hotel made hisoric by Mark Hanna as his headquarters luring the Republican national convention are in 1866 briefly continued in

here in 1896, briefly outlined the work of meeting. He said: "The board of arbitration will meet to-"The board of arbitration will meet tomorrow morning and dispose of a large
number of minor matters coming before it.
The regular meeting of the National
League will convene Monday evening at 8
o'clock and the first matter of importance
coming before it for action, after the
routine business, will be the playing schedule. The meeting, as usual, will be held
behind closed doors and the proceedings
will be given out after adjournment. Following their schedule the question of new
rules, the naming of the new chief of umpires and his assistants for the coming
scason, and the selection of a successor to
the late Charles H. Byrne, of Brooklyn,
on the board of arbitration, will be in
order."

John T. Brush will present before

order."
John T. Brush will present before the meeting a motion that the league adopt some sort of a testimonial or memorial for Charles H. Byrne. He declined to say what

this would be.

Manager Hanlon's minority report as a
Manager Hanlon's minority report as a Manager Hanlon's minority report as a member of the rules committee of the National League will be one of the chief matters for consideration. He is as strenuous about his report as Messrs, Hart and Reach about the report which they will make. It will resolve itself into an open light before the magnates. Hanlon's objections, summed up, are: summed up, are:
"First—The arbitrary and dangerous pow

"First—The arbitrary and dangerous power given to umpires—a power which, if exercised would enable them to suspend every player on a team for an indefinite period. "Second—The abolition of the earned run. The earned run rule can be made the basis for useful statistics if properly worded. "Third—Discouraging base-running—one of the most scientific and popular features of the game—by contracting and narrowing the stolen base rule." Speaking in general of the proposed

peaking in general of the proposed onges in the rules, Mr. Hanlon's report

"The National League code of playing

"The National League code of playing rules has for the most part been admirably compiled, and has stood the test of time and play. For that reason I oppose on general principles any tinkering with the rules, except in cases where it is imperatively demanded. In my opinion there are only a few rules that need any change."

In references to the power of an umpire the minority report says:

"If a manager, captain or player use any obscene, foul or profane language, or commit on threaten to commit any violent act against the person of umpire, player or spectator, it shall be the duty of such umpire to order such player from the field and out of the grounds for the remainder of the game. It shall also be the duty of the umpire to report the matter to the president of the league, and in flagrant cases to telegraph briefly the facts to the president of the league, and in flagrant cases to telegraph briefly the facts to the president to punish any such offending party by suspension or prohibition from playing for such time as he may deem proper.

As to earned runs, the report says:
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"An earned runs shall be scored every time a player reaches or would have reached home base without the assistance of a fielding or battery error, or by any player except the pitcher; that is, carned runs shall be those for which the pitcher is

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Peter Maker to Claim the Championship if There Should Be No Fight Before July 1.

If there should be no fight for the

heavyweight championship before July 1

Peter Maher intends to claim it and post a forfeit to defend his right against all omers. There is a business-like ring to the proposition made by Peter's manager that is foreign to the usual methods pursued by third-rate actor-pugilists. Maher first of all is a fighter and not a hypocrite. He has always been willing to fight, win or lose. Twice he has lost to Fitzsimmons, and yet wants to fight again. Repeatedly he has expressed willingness to fight (or lose). has expressed willingness to fight Co bett, but the yellow-complexioned Cali fornian has always avoided Peter with th same solicitude that he would display in keeping clear of dynamite. There may be a better man than Maher in the heavy a better man than Maher in the heavy-weight class, but the public is eager to hall a champion who will fight, and if Maher posts his money without any strings to it Fitzsimmons must fight or acknowledge him as his successor. A man cannot hold a championship more than one year without fighting for it, when there are men willing and anxious to test his ability. He must fight or retire an undefeated champion. Maher is willing to fight McCoy, Choynski, Sharkey, Corbett, Ruhlin or Fitzsimmons, No other fighter is willing to say as much and back up his challenge. The opportunity of Maher's life is before him, if he will behave himself and attend strictly to business. His expers before him, if he will behave himself and attend strictly to business. His expernce in the ring has not been unprofitable Where he was weakest three or four years ago he is strongest now, and, ably second ed, he is fit to hold his own against any man in the world, not excepting Fitzs

WANT ST. LOUIS FRANCHISE

Syndicate of Louisville Whisky Men Willing to Pay a Fair Price for It.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 27.-Representatives of a syndicate of Louisville whisky men left to-night for St. Louis with orders to buy, if possible, the franchise of the St. Louis basehall club. The syndicate intends to buy the club if favorable terms can be secured, reorganize it and place it upon a paying basis.

"Yes, we intend to put in a bid for the St. Louis club franchise," said Secretary Bar-ney Dreyfus, of the Louisville club, to-night.

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"St. Louis is one of the best, if not the best, ball towns in the country. We believe if the club is reorganized it will be a pay-ing investment. Just what sum we are prepared to bid for the franchise I am not at liberty to say, but we want the franchise and are willing to pay a fair price for it. The purchase of the St. Louis franchise and players by a Louisville syndicate would not mean that any of the players would come to Louisville. The Louisville club for 188 is already made up and we consider the team stronger than ever before."

Amateur Baseball Notes.

The Kansas City Unions have reorgan ized for the season and have been greatly strengthened by the addition of Phil Hardy, of Jefferson City, Mo.; Jimmie Jackson, of St. Louis, and Bennie Phillips, the crack shortstop, of Mexico, Mo. With Watts, Martin and Miller in the box, Manney, Torrest Description of the Control of the Co ager Dorsey thinks he will have strongest amateur team in the city, bar

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Baseball Notes.

Dick Buckley has signed with Columbus, but he hasn't signed the pleage. Manager Selec, of Boston, offers to lay \$50 on Chicago beating out Cincinnati. It looks like finding money.

President Ban Johnson will probably make that proposed talk about scoring to Chicago writers if they request it.

Chicago has revived Matt Kilroy. He will play right field, Lange center and Jimmy Ryan left. The infield is yet to be

Walter Wilmot's lame arm is still giving him trouble and he is beginning to be-lieve he will not be able to get it in shape St. Paul is getting together a great hit-

St. Paul is getting together a great hit-ting team. If Comiskey can keep his play-ers from hitting high balls they should be in the fight for the pennant all the time. Tom Tucker says he won't go to Omaha. Nchody blames him.—Boston Traveler, But he will go there, just the same, unless Boston comes in with a thirteenth hour refusal to waive claim. Fred Lake is still busy packing his grip

to show up at Boston when the season opens. Lake says he's going to sue for his salary and he has that innate stubbornness supposed to be possessed by army mules, which will probably cause him to rush into the courts.

"Kid" Bvis, who proved to be an expensive trying-out experiment for Manager Manning, has been signed by Burlington, in the Western Association. Bevis was a favorite with many Kansas City fans, who excused his weakness by declaring the team would not support him. Pitcher Eylar, the lank Kansan, has also signed with Burlington.

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Omaha is a flourishing city. It has grown rapidly in population and commercial importance in the last four or five years. The Nebraska metropolis has been without baseball for some time. For this reason it is believed that the owners of the Western League franchise in that city have a valuable grant.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

There's one commendable feature about the schedule adopted at the Coates House last week. It doesn't bring Tommy Tuck-ec, Tebeau, Jack Glasscock, Motz and Ace Stewart here all at one time. The fans are fortified against the individual coaching of this quintette, but it would be asking too much to give them such a cluster of voices at one sitting.

of voices at one sitting.

The contention of Manager Hanlon for continuance of an earned run record under different and, as he outlines it, a much better system, is likely to receive the support of many of the presidents. The earned run record was established to form a standard of comparison between pitchers, but legislation destroyed the value of the standard. There is no reason why a sensible basis of comparison should not be fixed to carry cut the idea of showing at a glance the actual effectiveness of pitchers, as in the case of all other players Manager Hanlon's proposition is immeasurably better than the style in use, and its adoption would be better than to have all system of comparison abolished.

—Pittsburg News.

Notes of the Turf.

tracks. The sobriquet that is going the rounds now for Thorpe is "grand old man of the saddle." Yet Thorpe is but a young

man.

Jockey George Barrett, the English rider, whose death was announced Saturday, will be remembered as a good, honest and conscientious rider. He was not as brilliant a rider as Archer, nor was he so fortunate as Watts or Loates at all times in the matter of his mounts, but he is thought to have left a considerable fortune.

From San Francisco comes the information that owners have not given up hope

From San Francisco comes the information that owners have not given up hope of arranging a mile special event between Fleur de Lis, to carry 169 pounds, and Libertine and May W., to carry Spounds each. The mare Fleur de Lis is prominently engaged in stakes, and is regarded out on the coast as a good handicap breadwinner. Such a race as is proposed would indeed be a fast one. Libertine holds the circular track record of 1:38%, Ab Stemier, the owner of the mare, is willing to send his animal out after world's record honors, and especially Libertine's record, if the association offering the purse will give the mare offering the purse will give the mare benefit of two pacemakers.

Ed A. Tipton, of Lexington, the well known manager of the Montana racing cir-quit, when in attendance at the congress of the National Trotting Association, put up the National Trotting Association, put up \$5,000 to bind a match at sweepstakes for 2-year-olds, made with J. F. Scott, of Great Barrington, Mass, Each man was to name one or more sires for \$2,500 each on or before March I, the produce to be named the night before the race, which is to take place at the Lexington October meeting, with an additional starting fee of \$2,500 for each starter. Mr. Tipton named two stallions-Prodigal and Milrol-and he now offers to put up another \$2,500 for a 3-year-old sweepstake, and will name Prodigal as the sire. Any breeder in the country can come in up to March I, when the entry list for both events will close.

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The Prince of Wales has signed Watts, the English jockey, for tirst call on his services for the coming season. The Prince of Wales now has nine horses in training at Newmarket, five of which are 2-year-olds, bred at Sandringham in the royal stud. It will be upon his 2-year-olds that the prince will have to depend in the main this season on the turf. Sandringham, the brother of Persimmon, who has been retired to the stud, is said to be a splendid colt. He will probably be seen at the Ascot meeting, but his debut may be delayed until the July meeting at Sandown park, where he is engaged for the 5,000 guineas, which is the richest 2-year-old event of the season. He is also entered for the Prince of Wales' post sweepstakes at Goodwood. The prince has also a yearling brother to Persimmon and Sandringham, of which much is expected. brother to Persimmon and of which much is expected.

General Sporting Notes.

Jim Daly, the Buffalo middleweight, has gone to San Francisco in search of a match with Alex Greggains. A '9-round "go" has been arranged be-tween Frank Erne and Dal Hawkins, to be decided sometime in April. Bobby Dobbs has been matched to meet Austin Gibbors at Trenton on March 7. The pair will box twenty rounds.

Jeff Thorn, Sam Fitzpatrick's middle weight, is expected to return to America soon and will then go after Charley Goff. Eastern sporting writers are praising M. J. Connolly for the manner in which he re-cently exposed the "faking" of Kid March Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid good work in the ring has been the formuch favorable comment by the sof late, is out with a challenge to ghit George Dixon.

George Dixon.

Jack Everhardt, the Southern lightweight, is in Chicago. He is looking for a match with any man in his class. Everhardt is willing to box either Tom Tracey or George Kerwin at Chicago.

John H. Minds, ex-captain of the University of Pennsylvania football team is a view in the control of the Chicago.

John H. Minds, ex-captain of the University of Pennsylvania football team, is an inmate of the university hospital, with muscular rheumatism. His right knee is swelled to twice its natural size and is twisted out of its normal shape. Since he has been at the hospital a weight of ten pounds has been kept continually on his knee. Just how serious the case will be cannot be told. Pillsbury and Showalter, the two American chess players, now playing for the championship, have fallen to a degree of sportsmanship far below the lowest professional prizelighter by declining to allow any reporter or newspaper representative to have one line of news about their match except for pay. Who ever thought the exponents of this great and aristocratic game would sink so low?—New York Sun.

LOUD CRIES OF MURDER. Residents in the Vicinity of Eighth

and Grove Given a Shock by Someone Unknown.

Residents in the neighborhood of Eighth and Grove streets were startled about 19 o'clock last night by three shrill cries of "murder." Instantly half a dozen citizens rushed from their homes in the direction from which they proceeded but not a soul was in sight. In some way a report gained currency that a party had been shot and taken into the residence of Dr. Jackson aken into the residence of Dr. Jackson learby, but a visit to his home exploded the searby, but a visit to his home exploded the story. A close search of the street, how-ever, resulted in the finding of an ordinary crooked walking cane. This stick was not bruised or injured in any manner, however, that would indicate that it had been put to an improper use. After an hour's close in-vestigation all attempts to fathom the mystery were abandoned.

THE MOTHER OF FRANK JAMES. She Will Lease Her Clay County Farm and Go to Live With

Her Son. A relative of the James family said last night that Mrs. Zerelda Samuels, mother of Jesse James, had arranged to rent her farm near Kearney, Clay county, and would go to live the rest of her days with her son, Frank James, in St. Louis, Frank James is employed in the Standard theater in St. Louis. He has been trying for a long time to get his mother to leave the farm and go to live with him, but she always refused, because the body of her son, Jesse, was buried in her garden, and she wished to be always near it.

For Joplin, Pittsburg, Galena and Webb City.

The Memphis Route (Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis R. R.) has two trains daily from Kansas City—both trains have through reclining chair cars (seats free to holders of first class tickets). Night train leaving Kansas City at 2:30 has Wagner palace sleeping car to Joplin via Pittsburg and Galena. The "Memphis" is the only line from Kansas City to all the great lead and zine mining camps of Missouri and Kansas—Galena, Joplin, Webb City, Carterville and Aurora. erville and Aurora. For map and time table folder, address
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In the dining car at 6:10 p. m., each day, on the Burlington Route new Chicago train. Service is a la carte.

On Sunday, March 6, Drs. Thornton & Minor, the famous specialists in piles, fistula and all diseases of the rectum, will publish a half page "ad" in The Journal containing many names and testimonials from prominent people all over the country, whom they have cured. If you are afflicted, watch for this ad.

"The Best Pill I ever used" is the fre-quent remark of purchasers of Carter's Little Liver Pills. When you try them you will say the same.

PERSONAL.

W. O. Chase, of Chicago, is at the Coates, S. L. Kelley, of Omaha, is at the Coates. H. B. Griffin, of Boston, is at the Coates. W. R. Benedict, of Chicago, is at the Edward J. Stone, of New York, is at the

Sutton, of Philadelphia, is at the R. M. Rogars, of Macon, Ga., is at the E. J. Whitman, of Boston, is at the

Con Crowley, of Minneapolis, is at the Coates.
W. W. Marsh, Nevada, In., is at the Coates. R. T. Cooper, of Memphis, Tenn., is at

the Coates.

W. R. Stoddard, who was cashier of the Third National bank of St. Louis for thirty years, and who is now manager of the clearing house there, was the guest of the clearing house there, was the gues of W. A. Rule at the Coates House yes

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by

Notes of the Turf.

The first colt of the season to arrive at Village Farm, Buffalo, N. Y., is a fine black colt by Chimes, dam Regent's Last, by Prince Regent, 2:1849.

Jockeys Sloane and Thorpe continue to be the pigskin artists of note at the Frisco

BRICE'S NEW TRUNK LINE.

IT WILL BE SECOND SHORTEST LINE FROM CHICAGO TO NEW YORK.

By the Consolidation of Several Unimportant Roads and Construction of a Few Connecting Links a Great System Is Made.

Railway men generally have become ac customed to look on the movements of Mr. C. S. Brice and the "Brice interesis" with uneasiness. Developments have recently come to light which, in connection with some time affoat, point to important possibilities in the near future-to nothing less, in fact, than the creation of a new trunk line from Chicago to the Atlantic coast, of such a character as regards both grades and mileage as would make it a very formidable competitor to existing routes. As the case stands to-day, what is needed for the completion of such a line is the building of only something over 300 miles of line, and steps have already been taken for the speedy construction of over one-half of this mileage. It is officially announced that under the charter of the Allegheny & Western, the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg has decided to build an extension from Punxsutawney, Pa., an extension from Punxsutawney, Pa., west via Butler to New Castle, Pa., ninety-eight miles, to meet a seventy-mile extension of the Northern Ohio (a Brice line) from Akron, O. The Northern Ohio extends from Akron west to Delphos, O., and according to reports the line to Chicago is to be secured by using its tracks from Akron to Carey, from which point a twelve-mile link will have to be built to reach the eastern terminus of the Findlay, Fort Wayne & Western at Findlay, O. The latter read, which is controlled by John Jacob Astor, runs from Findlay west in almost an air line to Fort Wayne, Ind., and surveys were made last year for an extension about 140 miles long from Fort Wayne to Kankankee, Ill., to connect with the Illinois Central. Late reports state that this road has been purchased by the Brice interests, and if the extension to Kankakee is built, the new through line between Chicago and New York would be accomplished, shorter than any of the existing lines, except one.

The outlet to the seaboard from the Eastern terminus of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg would be over the Beech Creek and the Philadelphia & Reading and Central of New Jersey roads. The route from Chicago to New York would be made up as follows:

Milea. west via Butler to New Castle, Pa., ninety-eight miles, to meet a seventy-mile ex-

Hilinois Central, Chicago to Kankakee Mile Findiay, Pt. Wayne & Western (to be built), Kankakee to Ft. Wayne
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Northern Olito, extension Akron to New Castle., Allegheny & Western, New Castle to Punxsulawney

Clearfield 45

Reech Creek, Clearfield to Williamsport 104

Philadelphia & Reading, Williamsport to Tamaqua, 104

Central of New Jersey, Tamaqua to Jersey City, 135 Total Chicago to Jersey City

Instructive Statement Prepared by Assistant General Manager Thomas, of Chattanooga & St. Louis.

Mr. J. W. Thomas, Jr., assistant general nanager of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway, has prepared an instrutive statement in relation to the air-braked freight cars on the Chattanooga division of that road out of Nashville during the nonth of January, 1898. During the month month of January, 1888. During the month there were 239 freight trains out of the Nashville yard, with an average rating of nineteen cars to the train. The total number of air-brake cars forwarded was 1,915, of which number 1,74 cars had brakes in good working order and 121 air-brake cars were cut out. The average number of serviceable air-brake cars to each train was therefore 4.5.

Of the 121 cars cut out the following named defects were noted: Triple valves out of order Triple valves gummed up Sand holes in triple valves Release valves leaking

Release valves leaking
Broken cylinders
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Release springs broken
Piston packing leather worn out
Piston heads broken
Brakes would not apply
Leaking out of exhaust port or presure retaining
valve
Brakes leaked off
Brakes would not release

Quick-action in service application Release too slow. Brakes unreliable Brakes would not apply Broken branch pipes Brake rigging out of Defects not shown by Total

It is noted that in some instances inspectors did not have time to take down the triple valves and inspect them to see what was wrong, and that forty-seven of the III were cars belonging to private lines.

In reference to this statement Mr. Thomas writes as follows: "The object of the report was to get at the reason why brakes were cut out on leaving Nashville, but the defects in some of the brakes were so glaring that I thought it abvisable in making a summary of the report to show, as far as practicable, just what was the trouble with the brakes. I afterward came to the conclusion that it might be well to publish at least a part of the report and thus add what I could toward the proper maintenance of the brakes we now have. I am clearly of the opinion that if the railway companies will have similar records kept and will present them in a condensed form, much good will be accomplished."

FREIGHT RATES SLASHED.

Situation East Bound From Chicago Almost Equals Demoralization of December. Chicago, Feb. 27.-The freight situation

s about as badly demoralized as it was last December. The Leiter wheat has been shipped to the seaboard at about one-third less than tariff rates. The last contract for 1,000,000 bushels was made at a rate of 12 cents to Newport News, via the Illi-nois Central, Big Four and the Chesapeake

nois Central, Big Four and the Chesapeake & Ohio roads.

Provision rates to New York have fallen to 30 cents, or 10 cents less than tariff. All the local lines are in the swim and reports from St. Louis indicate that greater reductions have been made in rates there than here. There will be a heavy movement of corn

and outs at low rates the coming week, as for several days agents of the exporters at Baltimore and Philadelphia have been making large purchases along the Western lines. It is said that rates have been made for this corn and oats on a basis of 5 cent-below tariff on local billed and 3 cents be nelow tarm on local office and a cents be-low on Mississippi river billed.

The rates on general commodities have been correspondingly reduced to all points, including short hauls. All the lines are having all the business they can handle, e profits are not correspondingly

Eastern Railroad Men Pass Through The special train carrying Dr. Seward Webb, and others who are connected with the New York Central road, was at the Union depot for over an hour yesterday morning. It came in over the Wabash and after an hour's step, went to the

Nickel Plate Will Have New Depot. Chicago, Feb. 27.—Official announcement was made yesterday that on March 6 the Nickel Plate will abandon its passenger station at Clark and Twelfth streets and use in the future the depot of the Lake Shore and Rock Island roads on Van Buren street.

Railroad Notes.

The Kansas City, Memphis & Birming-ham has placed an order with the Illinois Car and Equipment Company for forty flat-cars,

flat-cars.

The Texas & Pacific is using a steam shovel at Mingo, Tex., on Elm Fork, five miles northeast of Denton, for the purpose of working gravel pits at that point. The gravel is to be used in ballasting the road between Whitesboro and Fort Worth.

J. H. Cranee, passenger conductor on the Hannibal road from Cameron to Leavenworth, is at the Coates House. He has been ill with an attack of the grip and has been ill with an attack of the grip and has been ill with an attack of the grip and has been compelled to quit work and recuperate. He will stay here a few days and then go to Hot Springs for a week. Mr. Cranee ran into Kansas City for years and is well known among railroad men of the West.

Last year the progress of railway enter-Last year the progress of railway enter-prise in Japan was phenomenal. Since the pioneer railway was constructed between Tokio and Yokohama, a distance of eight-een miles, in 1872, the system has been extended at an average rate of 109 miles a year, so that at the end of March. 1897, which concluded the twenty-ninth fiscal year, the total mileage had reached 2,446 miles. At one leap, however, during the year just expired no less than 539 miles approximately were added to the total, thus bringing it up to 2,000 miles, in round numbers.

TO KEEP WOMEN AWAY.

Why Marshal Chiles Will Make Visitors to the Jail Register in a Big Book.

Visitors to the county jail hereafter must register their names in a big book which was bought by the marshal placed in use yesterday for the first time. At the head of each page of the book is printed: "Visitors registering under assumed names will be excluded from the sumed names will be excluded from the jall." Each visitor must write his or her name, residence, whom visiting and on whose recommendation the visit is made. The book was signed yesterday by 129 people. Twelve of them were "Christ Prison Workers."; Thirty-two of them were Christian Scientists who went to preach to the prisoners. Eight of them were negro missionaries, and sixteen went to see Jack Kennedy, the train robber and alleged murderer.

The object of the marshal in getting the book was to keep away a class of women who flocked to the jail by hundreds to see prisoners. Many of these women were made stealthilly. Many more were young women who went to the jail secretly. Many of the women became infatuated with prisoners, generally those of the most hopeless type, and visited them so often that it became a nuisance to the jailer who had to let them in and out. The marshal made up his mind that if he had a book in which each of these women would have to register, and give the name of the prisoner she was visiting, it would check the cvil, because that would give her visits too much publicity.

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The case of R. B. Turner is a fair sample of how women become infatuated with prisoners. He had as many as six or eight women visiting him. They used sometimes to stand in a row waiting their turn to see him. They fed him and bought him tobacco and other things, but the marshal put a stop to it and gave orders that a few of the women must cease their visits. Bill Adler was very popular, too before he was sentenced to ten years in the penientiary. There was one woman who stuck to him through thick and thin, till he received his sentence. She supplied him with tobacco, sweetmeats and clothing, and gave him money to help pay a lawyer to defend him. But after he was convicted she ceased her visits, and now Bill is entirely forsaken by women.

Conspicuous among the names is that of John Schlegel, the little German grocer at 321 East Eighteneth street, who killed Dr. L. A. Berger last summer. He wrote his name in a cramped hand. In the column marked, "Visiting Whom," Schlegel wrote "the whole jail."

He Explains the Object of the Inter national Brotherhood Founded

by Mrs. Tingley. Burcham Harding, of New York, lectured last noint at the Academy of Music, 1221 McGee street, under the auspices of the WHY BRAKES WERE CUT OUT. Meter street, under the duspices of the or by Mrs. Tingley. "The objects of the organization," he said, "are to help men and women to realize the nobility of their call-ing and their true positions in life; to educate the children of all nations on the breadest lines of universal brotherhood and to prepare destitute and homeless chil-dren to become workers for humanity; to dren to become workers for humanity; to amelierate the condition of unfortunate women and to assist them to a higher life; to assist those who are or have been in prisons to establish themselves honorably in positions in life; to endeavor to abolis in positions in life; to endeavor to abolish capital punishment; to bring about a better understanding between so-called savage and civilized races by the promotion of closer and more sympathetic relationship between them and to relieve humanity from flood, famine, war or other calamities, and generally to extend aid and comfort throughout the world." Professor Harding's iccture was a cursory review of the trip around the world made by the theosophical crusaders in 18% and 18%. They visited Kansas City last year. His lecture was flustrated by 100 stereopticon views of important scenes visited by the crusaders on their tour of the world.

HAS GONE TO THE GOLD FIELDS. Wary Eastey Departs on His Long

Journey to the Northwest for a Fortune. Wary Easley, a deputy circuit clerk and formerly a farmer of Lone Jack, left last night for the Klondike. He will go first to St. Paul, and then by rail to Edmunton to St. Paul, and then by rail to Edmunton in the Canadian Northwest Territory. There he will stay till March 20. He will buy twenty-four horses, and will be joined in a week or two by E. A. Church, a grocer, of Oast Grove; Henry Lodwig, a farmer, of Cass county, and D. Lee Shawhan, of Lone Jack. Each man will have charge of six horses and will load them with 1290 pounds of provisions and start from Edmunton March 29 for the Klondike.

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From Edmunton they will strike northwest through the wilderness for Dawson
City. They will follow an old trail used by
the fur traders of the Hudson Bay Company, but never trodden before by a gold
hunter. Mr. Easley got a map of this
trail from an old plainsman, it is the shortest and best route, he says, to the Klondike.
The distance by it from Edmunton to Dawson is 1,500 miles. The first 400 miles is
through settlements that are far apart,
but where oats for the horses can be had.
The rest of the trail is through the wilderness. When the company reaches the gold
country, which it expects to do in sixty
days, it will spend the summer in prospecting and mining. Next fall the horses will
be killed and salted down for food.

WOMAN CHOKED BY HER SON. Tom Brennon Placed in a Cell by the Police for a Most Brutal

Act. Tom Brennon, a white man, was arrested by Detectives Hayde and Lowe last night, and locked up at Central police station on a charge of disturbing the peace of his mother, Mrs. Mary Brennon. He is a brother of John Brennon, who was found a brother of John Brennon, who was found dead in the Fulton Transfer Company's barn on Grand avenue last Fourth of July, Yesterday afternoon Brennon went to his mother's home, in the alley near Fourth and Locust streets, and began beating his younger brother. Mrs. Brennon went to police headquarters about 7 o'clock and asked that her son be blaced under a bond to keep the peace. She was returning home when Brennon met her on the street and began choking her. He was arrested a few minutes afterwards. Mrs. Brennon says he threatened to kill her.

Judge Black to Lecture To-night. Judge Black to Lecture To-night.

Judge Francis M. Black will deliver a
lecture to-night before the Young Men's
Christian Association, Sio Wyandotte street,
upon "Our State Constitution and How It
Was Adopted." All law students of the
city have been invited to be present. Judge
Black assisted in framing the present supreme law of the state, and it is expected
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Mrs. Galvin Told Her Husband Musetter Had Insulted Her-Men Quarried.

JACK GALVIN BREAKS SAN MUSET-

TER'S HEAD WITH A HAMMER.

S. M. Musetter, a sewer digger, who lives with his mother at No. 1, Warden court was seriously injured in a fight with Jack Galvin, another sewer digger, at 7 o'clock last night. The fight occurred in an alley in the rear of Helzberger's saloon at Sixteenth and Grand avenue. Musetter was struck on the head three times with a hammer, fracturing the skull in as many places

on the left side of the head. Galvin lives with his wife at No. 16 Mc-Ture place. His left leg was broken by the caving in of the embankments in a sewer Twenty-fifth and McGee, a few months ago, and since then he has been out of work. Musetter has been employed by G. R. J. Ford, a sewer contractor, Both men had been drinking heavily yesterday afternoon. Galvin was drinking in Helzberger's saloon when his wife, who, the police say, was also drunk, went into the saloon She said Musetter had insulted her in the alley and she had bit him with a can. Musetter entered the place a moment later and

alley and she had hit him with a can. Musetter entered the place a moment later and hot words passed between the two men. Galvin left the saloon with his wife, promising to come back later and settle his grievance with Musetter. True to his declaration he was back in the saloon in a few minutes and the quarrel was resurrected. Bystanders did not interfere, as the two had had similar quarrels frequently. The two men left the saloon together. As they passed through the narrow passageway leading into the alley from the backdoor of the saloon. Galvin picked up a hammer and dealt Musetter three stunning blows on the head, and walked home. The loafers in the saloon heard the blows. D. J. Davis, who fives at No. 22 McClure place, took Musetter to No. 4 police station. From there he was removed to Central station in the ambulance. The scalp was torn from the center of the forehead to the edge of the hair at the back of the neck, Police Surgeon Longan and his assistant, Dr. Norberg, found, after a careful examination, that he had sustained three deep fractures. The wounds were dressed and he was removed to the city bospital. The wounds were dressed and he was re-moved to the city hospital.

Galvin was arrested at his home by Of-ficer McNamara and Sergeant Quinn, and locked up pending the result of Musetter's Brickbat Ends a Wordy War.

A brickbat brought a quarrel between Harden Hughes, or 314 Grand avenue, and George Watson, both colored, to a sudden close at Nineteenth and Grand avenue, yesterday afternoon. Watson knocked Hughes down with the brick, cutting a long gash in his forchead. Both men were arrested and taken to Central police station, where Dr. Longan sewed up the wound,

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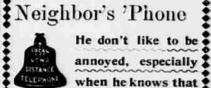
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